



2009 – A Gang Summit hosted by the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde at Spirit Mountain Casino drew about 200 attendees. The summit focused on gang activity and its effects on Tribal youth.

2004 – Groundbreaking occurred on the Spirit Mountain Lodge expansion that will add 150 rooms and is slated for completion by March 2005. “We’re going to bring Spirit Mountain Casino more toward the idea and the vision that we all have – of a destination resort,” said Spirit Mountain Casino General Manager Richard Kline.



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1999 – Improvements to the Tribal Cemetery continued, including installation of a sidewalk around the covered area and construction of a chain link fence in the front area. An overhang area for hearses and pallbearers also was in the works.

1994 – The Tribe took another step toward gaming as a revenue generator after Tribal Council members visited the Poarch Creek Tribe in Alabama. “The Poarch Creek had a very good facility,” said Bruce Thomas, general manager of Spirit Mountain Development Corp. “It was after the initial visit with them that council decided to take a closer looking at gaming.”

1989 – In a series of votes, General Council decided to disband the Tribal Corporation and have its assets turned over to the Tribal government. The Tribal Corporation was established in 1975 to work for the Restoration of the Tribe. When the Tribe regained federal recognition, two separate but closely related entities existed. The vote to disband the Corporation was 48-0.

1984 – The interim Tribal Council had been working with Gary Forrester, director of the Native American Program at Oregon Legal Services, in drafting the first Tribal Constitution and bylaws. Tribal members were urged to attend a meeting for their input and review of the draft.

Yesteryears is a look back at Tribal history in five-year increments through the pages of Smoke Signals.

Tribe holding annual Memorial Day event

By Dean Rhodes
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The Veterans Special Event Board will be sponsoring the annual Memorial Day ceremony held at the West Valley Veterans Memorial on the Tribal campus beginning at 1 p.m. Monday, May 26.

A community meal will be served in the Tribal Community Center beginning at noon.

Veterans Special Event Board Chairman Steve Bobb Sr., a Vietnam-era Marine Corps veteran, will be the master of ceremonies and provide the invocation.

Confirmed speakers will include

Tribal Council Chairman Reyn Leno, also a Vietnam-era Marine Corps veteran, Oregon Veterans’ Services Administrator Eric Belt and Gunny Brandon, also a Marine Corps veteran.

New names being placed on the Veterans Memorial will be read aloud and a medley of taps and “Amazing Grace” will be played by Jan Looking Wolf Reibach, head of the Tribe’s Land & Culture Department and a multiple winner of Native American Music Awards as a flutist.

The Grand Ronde Honor Guard also will attend to post and retire the colors. ■

Reasons to smile



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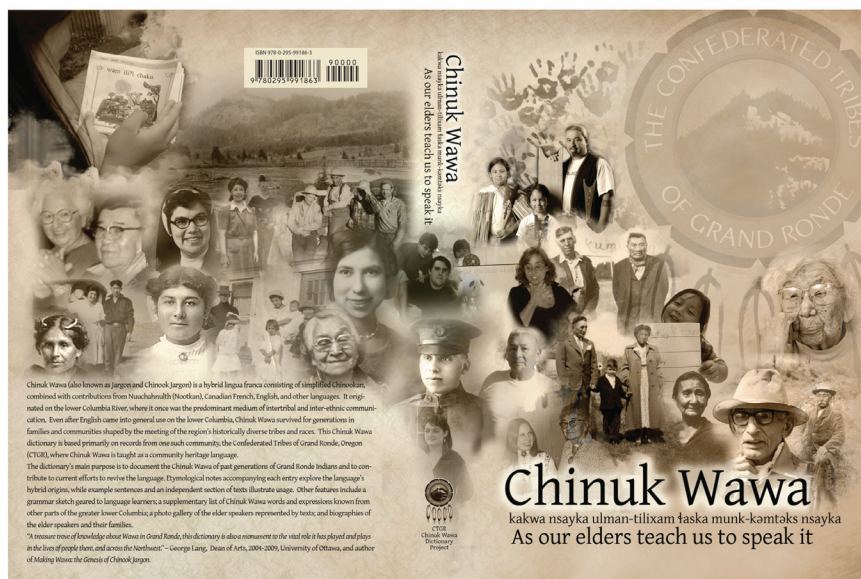
Tribal Dental Hygienist Sheila Blacketer applies fluoride to Miguel Guzman’s teeth during Give Kids a Smile Day at Willamina Elementary School on Friday, April 25. Tribal Dentist Erin Lange and Tribal Dental Assistant Rachel Clark also participated in the event that screens children for cavities and brushes and applies fluoride to their teeth. The event, sponsored by the American Dental Association, provides dental services to underserved communities and 136 children were seen by the Tribe’s Dental Clinic staff.

Elder Bingo moved to Saturdays

Elder Bingo will be held at 12:30 p.m. the second and fourth Saturday of the month at the Elders’ Activity Center.

For more information, contact Elder Activity Assistant Daniel Ham at 503-879-2233. ■

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